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*****PRESS RELEASE****

December 15, 2016

Re: People v. Angelo Gabriel Naemi and Steven Paul Gonzales; Case No. 1504228

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Angelo Gabriel Naemi was arrested on five counts of Grand Theft by False pretenses in violation of Penal Code Section 532(a), and one count of Conspiracy to Commit Grand Theft in violation of Penal Code Section 182(a)(1). The criminal complaint alleges losses of over \$500,000 to victims.

Steven Paul Gonzales was charged with one count of Conspiracy to Commit Grand Theft.

The complaint alleges that Naemi, a real estate salesperson, and Gonzales, a real estate broker, conspired to falsify documents in association with numerous short sale transactions. Their actions allegedly resulted in a loss to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac of over \$500,000.

The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office investigated this case in conjunction with the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Office of Inspector General, Los Angeles Field Office.

Naemi's bail is set at \$395,000, and he is scheduled to appear for arraignment in Santa Barbara Superior Court, Santa Maria Division on December 15, 2016. Gonzales is scheduled to appear for arraignment in Santa Barbara Superior Court, Santa Maria Division on December 30, 2016.

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